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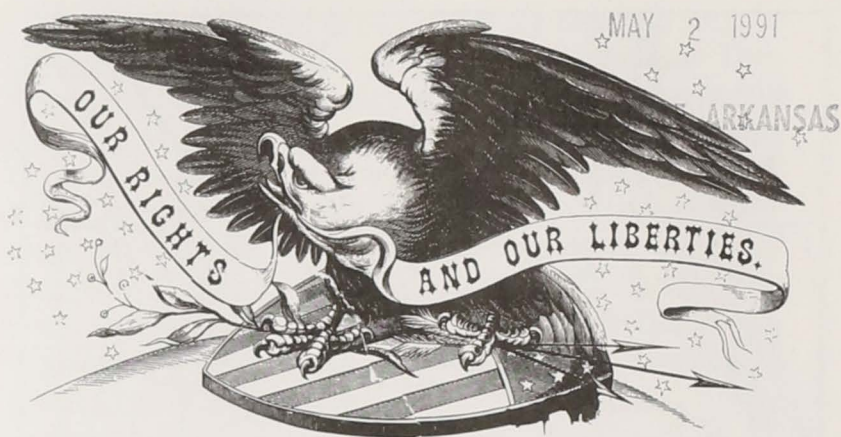
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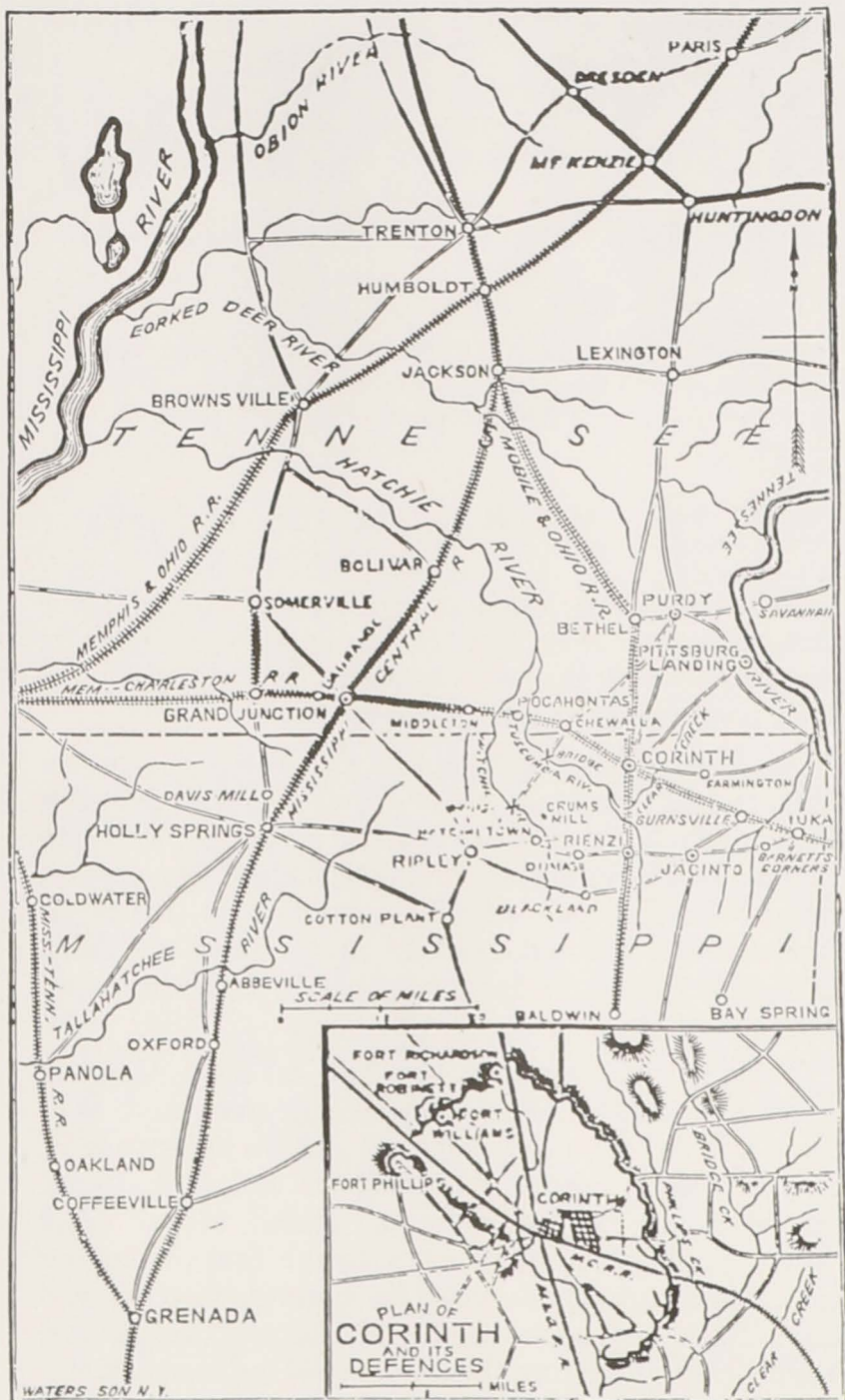
With Honors of War



When word reached here that General Sterling Price was retreating from Springfield, men began banding together because the war seemed to be coming close to their homes in Northwest Arkansas.

Such was the case of a group of men who joined into an independent company that later joined Pleasant Buchanan's Company H of the 15th Arkansas Mounted Infantry of the Northwest. This independent company was formed in February of 1861 according to James A. Caldwell who kept a diary of the company until his death in the Battle of the Bridge at the Black River in Mississippi two years later.

Tracing the history of the 15th Arkansas Mounted Infantry of the Northwest is a challenge since there were three 15th Arkansas Regiments. Buchanan's Company H, with Lt. Patton Inks as first lieutenant and A. A. Evans, second lieutenant, was composed almost exclusively of Washington County men. Among the first of the war casualties for the company was the capture of Lt. Inks and Capt. Buchanan at the Battle of Elkhorn (Pea Ridge) leaving Evans to assume the captaincy of the company.



Following the battle of Pea Ridge the regiment went to Pittsburg Landing, to find the battle there was over. They then participated in the battles of Iuka and Corinth and company H was among the forces that moved to Port Gibson, Jackson, Miss. and Champion Hill. At Black River, on May 17th, 1863, when Caldwell was mortally wounded, Capt. W. H. Holcomb of Springdale, captain of Company G. was among many of the Confederates who were captured. After the siege of Vicksburg the two companies were returned to Arkansas and consolidated under Capt. A. A. Evans.

This capsule history of the company provides only names and dates. It does not talk about the fact that Capt. P. W. Buchanan was a professor of mathematics at Cane Hill College and that many of the company were students at that institution. Lt. Robert A. Medearis and his brother, Wilson F. Meadearis Jr. were also members of this company, frequently called "Uncle Buck's Company". Neither does it mention that F. R. Earle, president of Cane Hill College, started his war time experiences with this company although he later formed his own company.

The Caldwell diary was part of a concerted effort of the United Daughters of the Confederacy to preserve first hand accounts of the war from veterans. Caldwell's diary, a typescript, was transcribed by Clara B. Eno, noted historian of Crawford County. The original was found among the possessions of his sister, Mrs. Bell and became the property of a niece, Mrs. Harry W. Bryan, Van Buren, Ark.

The typescript is among material given the Washington County Historical Society by the Mildred Lee Chapter of the UDC some years ago.

Caldwell, who came from a large family living in Richland Township was 22 years when he entered the Confederate service. According to the 1860 census for Washington County he was the son of James and Nancy

Caldwell. His father was a native of North Carolina and his mother of Tennessee. He had two sisters, Martha and Sarah and six brothers. The oldest was John who was eight years older than James.

Journal of James A. Caldwell of Co. H. 15th Ark. Volunteers

Feb. 18: The news having reached us that our army, under Gen. Price, was retreating from Springfield, Mo. and the Feds pursuing them, we made up an independent com(pany) and started to meet them. We had two wagons in company and about 30 or 40 men. Our own guns and provision and we struck camp at 4 h (o'clock) about 7 m (miles) north of Fayetteville. It commenced raining at 8 h. and we went to a barn and staid til morning.

Feb. 19th: Snow and sleet. We went 8 m further. When hearing the army was all coming south we turned back to the fork road and staid till the army all passed. We stopped at a deserted house but hearing that the Feds were at Elm Springs we passed the army and went round Fayetteville and staid in a deserted house all night.

Feb. 20th: Clear and cool. We started at daylight and got to town at 8 h. where we found Col. McRea's Regt. We all went into Capt. Buck's Co. I and J. Pierson went into a mess with J. G. Hagood, W. Roach, Mr. Givens, D. Wilson and Bet Pierson. They were loading the wagons but received orders and unloaded and cooked five days rations. The wagons left and the army all passed. We staid all day and night without tents or blankets. (John G. Pierson was assigned to Co. H. as were James Galitzon Hagood and Newton Givens. Hagood was a graduate of Cane Hill College in 1860 and he was killed in the battle of Okalona, Miss. June 12, 1862. Newton Givens was a preacher and was chaplain in Co. H. He had been president of Cane Hill Female Seminary and came to Arkansas in 1856)

Feb. 21st: Cloudy and cool. I believe we left town at 8 h. went to Hog Eye. Camped, burned rails, robbed fodder stacks to sleep on and got with the army.

Feb 22nd: Hard rain this morning. We left camp at 8 h. went to Boston Mountain and camped 4 h. The roads almost impassible with mud. Many fired their guns.

Feb. 23rd: Clear. All the loaded guns were fired. The awkward

squad were drilled in the manner of arms. Father came over today, stayed all night.

Feb. 24th: Clear. Drilled and dress parade.

Feb. 25th: Ditto. Wind storm and -----.

Feb. 26th: Ditto.

Feb. 27th: Clear and warm. I went home, got some clothing and John (his older brother) went back part of the way with me.

Feb. 28th: Clear, drill and parade.

Feb. 29th: Warm and clear. Brother John here. I wrote a note to Mother by him. Had a great squirrel race this evening. Noblett caught it.

(William Noblett was assigned to Co. G.)

MARCH

Mar. 1st: Clear. Taken sick. Lay in the tent all day.

Mar. 2nd: Snowing. We had orders last night to cook rations. I was sworn in to serve until the 2nd of Nov.

Mar. 3rd: Cloudy. We cooked three days rations. Parade and, as usual.

Mar. 4th: Snowy and raining, disagreeable. We left camp and started toward Elkhorn. Roads very muddy and bad. I got very tired and rode several miles in a wagon. This evening camped at 4 h. four miles south of Fayetteville.

Mar. 5th: Cloudy and cold. We moved at 8 h. passed through town. I rode on the Artillery, horseback, camped at Elm springs, all very tired. We burned rails as usual, cold and snowing.

Mar. 6th: Cold and windy. We left camp at 8 h. went 15 m., camped on Sugar Creek at 8 h. We marched out to the road and counter marched to the back, with order(s) to cook rations, but the train not all being up and it being dark there was very little cooking done. At 11 h. we fell in, marched to the road. We then lay by fires and waited to cross Sugar Creek. We then marched till 3 h. when we stopped and made brush fires and lay by till morning.

Mar. 7th: We moved at 7 h. March about 8 miles, counter marched 4 miles and turned into a field (*BATTLE OF ELK HORN*). We heard the firing commence on the left by the Indians, as we

doubled quicked around and formed behind a fence and we then went up through a field, saw them fighting to our left. Capt. (----) battery fired one gun, close to us, then limbered up and skedaddled over the fence. The firing commenced on the right wing. We then went out to the road, went up it one-half mile and turned out; marched through the woods and lay down. A ball or shell flying over (now) and anon making our hair stand up, but doing no other damage. After laying 1/2 h. we marched around a hill through a heavy cannonade and formed under the enemy's fire. J. Humley, J. Tilley, and T. McAlister were killed and D. Wilson severely; J. Lager mortally and T. Fitzwater, slightly wounded. It being a complete ambush, the regiment fell back but called again and drove the enemy from his position. We then fell back to a spring and got water and we marched out in the edge of the brush, stacked arms, made fire and lay till 10 h. We then marched to the right wing about 6 m. Made fires and lay by till morning.

(John H. Tilley, and O. T. Fitzwater were assigned to Co. H. Andrew J. McAlister was assigned to Co. E)

Mar. 8th: We then marched up on to Potts Hill, formed near a field and lay down in battle line. Heard the final firing. Our men fell back and we started on the retreat. After a hard rain we reached Van Winkle's Mill, (Benton County) much demoralized and we got a little beef and pork without salt and 1/4 of a biscuit to the man. We made a big fire of pine logs and slept on the flint rock. I killed a pigeon also and ate (it) for my supper.

Mar. 9th: Hard rain most all day. We crossed the blockade and White River yesterday. We crossed the river several times and the mountains today. I almost gave out and fell behind and staid all night in a barn 1/2 mile from camp. I had a little broiled beef without salt for supper and breakfast.

Mar. 10th: Cloudy. I started at 6 h. and caught up with the Reg't. in the evening. Very tired. They were lying by and had drew rations so we had a good supper.

Mar. 11th: Warm and clear. We lay by and rest(ed). The boys went foraging and got a supply of chickens and we had a fine dinner.

Mar. 12th: Clear. We left camp at 8 h. Went six miles across the river. We then counter-marched and turned through the woods over hills and creek and camped 8 m. from yesterday's camp. J. Bates and I went 4 m. beyond camp over a rough mountain road. We met Whi(t)field's horse and rode back to camp and staid all night.
(John M. Bates was assigned to Co. H.)

Mar. 13th: Cloudy. We got meal and baked "journey" cake. Left camp at 8 h. Crossed the mountain and creek. I felled behind and camped under a rock. It rained hard all night. The creek almost past fording.

Mar. 14th: Cloudy. I went to camp, got a skillet and meal and baked some bread. Started on, and left my blanket. I climbed along the mountain sides. It rained today. We went down Cedar Creek and stayed all night in a crowded shanty. Boiled pork for supper.

Mar. 15th: Cloudy. I started without breakfast. Went to camp, got a skillet and parched some corn which was all I had today. I came up with B. Putman. We climbed along the bluff and over the mountains. I bought two cakes for 10 cents. We met cousin J. Goren and were overtaken by sergeant of the company. We went on to Van Buren and after an hour's search we got to camp. We got a good supper. The first good meal we had had for a week.

Mar. 16th: Clear. We moved to Frog Bayou and back to the Prairie (Camp McCullough).

Mar. 17th: Clear. We lay in camp and rested.

Mar. 18th: Warm and clear. Lieut. A. A. Irvin sick. I went to several houses to get a chicken for him but without success.

Mar. 19th: Clear. I washed for the first time. We had some excellent pies for dinner.

Mar. 20th: Clear. Mr. Givens, G. Hagood, J. Pierson, L. E. Hagood and some others arrived today.

Mar. 21st: Clear. We moved across the bayou this morning.

Mar. 22nd: Clear. I went to see J. Pierson. He came back with me.

Mar. 23rd: Clear and warm. I went to preaching -ce & to prayer meeting. Dress parade this evening.

Mar 24th: Clear. We left camp and took up the line of march for Des Arc. We went 15 m. crossed Mulberry and camped.

Mar 25th: We moved as usual about 8 h. and camped on White Oak.

Mar. 26th-28th: We marched every day, generally starting at daylight and reaching camp at from 2 to 4 p.m.

March 30th: We only went 7 m. and on the 29th we went 19 or 20 m.

APRIL

April 1st: Cloudy. We removed at 5, went ? miles, a storm of wind

and rain, several tents were blown down tonight.

April 2nd and 3rd: We moved as usual about 15 m.

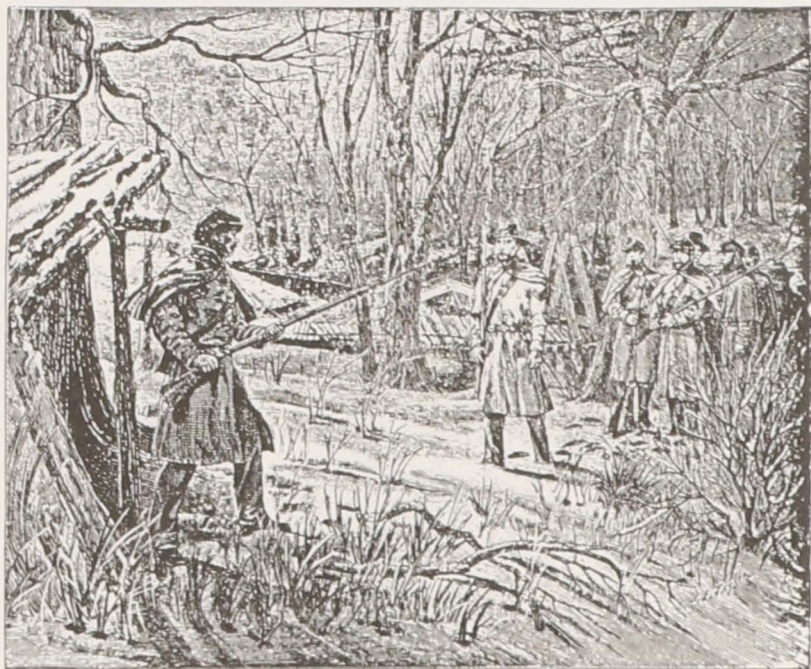
April 4th: Clear. We lay by and rested and washed today. Col. (Dandridge) McRea, J. Lewis and Mr. Brown came in today.

(John Lewis was assigned to Co. F.)

April 5th: Clear. Moved at 6 h. Adison and I rode in Mr. Brown's wagon. We crossed the mountain and passed the one large steam mill. We reached camp at 2 h. 25 miles from Des Arc.

April 6th: Clear. Sunday. The reg't. moved at 5 as usual. Adison and I rode again today. We crossed the cross road and Hickory plains.

April 7th: Rainy and disagreeable. I rode again today. We got to Des Arc at noon and to camp at 1 h. Got orders to cook 5 days of rations. We cooked some but it was so rainy that we gave it up.



A Picket Guard.

April 8th: Cloudy. We finished cooking our rations and several of us wrote letters home. At 11 h. we had orders to move. We went down near the river and stacked arms and loaded our luggage on board the Sovereign. We then went and took arms and marched aboard. The J. G. Mears went up to Des Arc and took Genl. Price

Price aboard and passed down. We then started down the river at 3 or 4 h. We went to Duvall's Bluff and lay by till morning.

(The Sovereign, a steamboat that had been a snag boat in the early 1800's. The J. G. Mears was also a steamboat)

April 9th: Cloudy. We started at 6 h. We left Thomas Morrow here. We ran against the bank once or twice (1ce or 2ce) today. We got into the Miss. river at 8 h. p.m. Travelled all night.

(Thomas Morrow was assigned to Co. H.)

April 10th: Rain last night. I lay in Mr. Givens' room sick all day with sore eyes. We passed Frayers Point and Helena and took a boat in tow and I went on guard that evening. I was on post when we got to Memphis which we did at 1 h. a.m.

April 11th: At 4 we were called up. I went on post. Our luggage was put on shore and then on the Victoria. It was----

--now ashore again. I bought some cakes. It was now raining and everthing got wet. We moved all to the Mo. hotel. W. Pyeatte, myself and several others went out to the depot and round through the city. We slept in the stable all night.

April 12th: Rainy. Col. McRea called us up about 4 h. we put our effects all together and marched out to the depot in the rain. We stacked arms and staid till noon. J. Pierson and some others bought a lot of loaf bread. At 2 we got on the box car and left for Corinth. Arrived there at 5 or 6 p.m. We slept in the cars till morning.

April 13th: Rain last night. We got up steam and ran back and forth an hour. We then got off the cars and went a mile east of town about 200 yds from the track. Stacked arms and staid back close to the track. Stacked arms. Drew crackers and molasses and ate dinner. We then went to the depot. Got on the cars and staid till sundown. Then started on and got to Rienza at 8 h. p.m. Unloaded the cars, fixed tents; ate a cold supper and lay down very tired.

April 14th: Clear. We moved our tents and arranged our camp. We went to the creek to bathe.

April 15th: Clear. Ordered to Corinth. We loaded the cars and switched around an hour or two as usual. We then went to Corinth for an hour and ran back to camp again. Pitched tents and cooked dinner.

April 16th and 17th: Went to preaching at the church at night.

April 18th: General inspection.

April 19th: Rained last night and today, all day.

April 20th: Still raining and very disagreeable. I am on guard today. I heard a Catholic (O'Banon) preach & say mass.

April 21st: Still raining, several of us wrote letters home.

April 22nd: Warm and clear. Had a chill today, fever and parched day and night.

April 23rd: Ditto. Fatigued, detailed to change our camp and moved the cooking to near the rear etc. A train load of troops came up today. I am still sick and taking medicine.

April 24th: Clear and pleasant. I am still sick. Company drill and parade, orders to cook five rations. I being sick, did not cook much.

April 25th: Rain last night. The men got breakfast and were eating when orders came to go to Corinth. I was sick and did not go. The Reg't left at 10 h. it rained all day and the Reg't came back this evening on account of it.

April 26th: Clear. I am still sick. We had orders to keep five days rations on hand. They are putting up the telegraph wire. News came that the Feds were advancing on Corinth, cooked more rations this evening.

April 27th: Clear. I attended preaching. A. B. Lager arrived today. News of the fall of New Orleans also of the defeat of the Feds by Gen. McGruder. Col. Gate's Reg't arrived this evening.

April 28th: Clear and warm. I went to see J. Means and J. Nelson?. I hear Mr. Atwood preach tonight.

(Lt. Evan Atwood of Springdale was wounded slightly and taken prisoner at the Battle of Bayou Pierre, near Port Gibson on May 1, 1863. He was held as a POW at Alton, Ill., Johnson's Island, Ohio, Point Lookout, Mo. and Fort Delaware, Del. until the war closed.)

April 29th: Raining. We were in a good way of drilling when orders came to go to Jacinto. They left at 9 h. and I staid at camp. I was detailed to unload commissary. The Reg't came back this evening. I went to the Dis? for milk but did not get any.

April 30th: Raining. Lt. Evans and Co. arrived this evening.

MAY

May 1st: Warm and clear. I had a chill. Our wagons arrived, also Wm. Sexton who brought me a letter from home. Dress parade. Capt. Davis coming. Reg't, Company drill and inspection. I went to preaching tonight. I went to see J. Nelson.

(William Sexton was a member of Co. H. and a preacher. A Capt. Caleb Davis was in the 2nd Brigade of Maj. Gen. John S. Bowen's Division. There was also a Caleb M. Davis who was a private in Co. E. of the 15th)

May 2nd: I, Jack Lane and J. Nelson got into a regular rumbel tumble. R.I. J. W. After dinner we went to town and had a game of town ball. The company drew clothing and N. M. and G. drew me a shirt, parade, drill.

May 3rd: Cloudy Dõile? and am I sick this evening. They had just beat tattoo and lay down when orders came to prepare to leave. They packed up and lay down and slept till 4 a.m.

May 4th: Raining. The Reg't. took the cars and went to Corinth. I staid with the baggage, at 6 h. we loaded the wagons and put the remainder on the cars. After doing everything over two or three times we at last got it all right. We slept all night in a car loaded with wheat. I had another chill and a very bad cough. It rained all day and night.

May 5th: Cloudy. We went to our baggage car and got some bread and water. We at last got all right. I got aboard and left for Booneville. Arrived there in a 1/2 hour. We got the trick off the wagon, the cars, and started them south in charge of Col. Carroll. We then went up back of town and camped.

May 6th: Clear. I was very sick. The boys made a lot of pies for dinner.

May 7th: Clear and warm. Very sick. The boys playing cards and marbles generally. I broke out with the measles.

May 8th: Clear. F. Leach caught some fish. I ate some the first in two days. F. Dyer and J. Naubers arrived today. Orders for all able to go to Corinth. J. Mayers came in. Several left for Corinth and several in the country and only four left at camp.

(Both F. Dyer and Athomas F. Leach were members of Co. H)

May 10th: Clear. The boys went hunting and fishing. Returned with a fine lot of fish.

May 11th: Clear and warm. I lay about all day. In the evening I started to the country but got lost. Came back to the camp with Breedlove and Fuquay.

(Simpson Breedlove and James B. Fuquay were on the roster of Co. H)

May 12th: J. J. Moydry and I went to Mr. Wileman's Bluff. Pyeatte Bellar came in for dinner. W. & J. left.

May 13th: Warm and clear. J. M. went back, Bellar and I staid.

May 14th: Clear, Bellar went and got our clothes. Cannon firing today.

May 16th: Clear. The bees swarmed again today. Mr. W. robbed the hive.

May 17th: Clear. I and Jack went to Mr. Waldon's store and got some fish hooks. I went hunting and killed a quail.

May 18th: We paid our bill for six days. Bellar paid 1/2 and I five dollars. We then went to Booneville. We found them all down at the depot waiting for the cars. We staid on the platform all night.

May 19th: Clear and cloudy. A train came up at 12 h., we got aboard and went to Reinza. We pitched our tents and went fishing and Mr. Gee and several of us went to the hospital. We got a tent and pitched it near the church.

(James Gee was a member of the 15th Regt.)

May 20th: Cloudy, thundering, rain last night. Cannon firing today.

May 21st: Raining last night, clear today. Some of the boys left for Corinth. I knocked around today. Ewing Hagood and R Inks were brought here last night sick.

(Robert B. Inks was a non-commissioned officer in Co. H)

May 22nd: Clear and warm. The boys did not leave last night. M. G. staid with me again last night.

May 23rd: Rainy. The boys left this morning. I knocked around as usual.

May 24th: Cloudy and cool. C. Tutpin died last night. I was very sick last night, better today. I moved up in the convelence

(convalescent) ward. Heard cannon again today.

May 25th: Clear and cool. J. McClellen left here today.

(John T. McClellan joined Co. H. He was a native of Cane Hill)

May 26th: Clear. Ewing and Rable to walk out.

May 27th: Ditto. Tatham Gunter and I got our discharges and transportation. We bought some loaf bread. I went to the hospital and ate supper. We took the cars at sundown. Ran to camp. Got off and lay out all night.

May 28th: Clear. I found the sick boys here. I staid with the(m) all day. The cars were full of troops, sick, baggage etc. passing south. There were hundreds of sick and passing, all the time. The camps were deserted and commissaries and everything conceivable were scattered here and there.

May 29th: Clear. I started to the Reg't. got to the brig'de. The Reg't was out on picket. I staid with the Br(ig) an hour or two. A cannonade was kept up all day. I then went out and saw two companies of our reg't and staid with them till dark when the company's came in. The retreat from Corinth. We started at dark. Capt. H. was sick. We marched till llh. Then I, Capt. H. and several others lay down till morning. The men fell out all along.

May 30th: Clear. We went on at our leisure and overtook the brig'de encamped near Booneville. We cooked a little bread on sticks and the Brig'de was ordered ahead. The Fed's cavalry ran into Booneville this morning and burned the depot, a train of cars, loaded with army stores etc. We heard the bombs on board bursting and thought it was cannon. I went to Booneville and staid all night. The cars were still burning. I saw Gen. (Williams Joseph) Hardee this evening.

May 31st: Clear. I left B. after sunrise and followed on. I fell in with some of the company. We got 1/2 a hog and overtook the reg't near Baldwin. I was on guard tonight.

JUNE

June 1st: Cloudy. We went 2 m. halted near a house. Staid an hour and then went out in the field to take a hard shower of rain. Then went back near the house and camped. Capt. H. left us this morning and never came back.

June 2nd: Raining. We had no tents and I staid in a crib. Slept at night in a tent with the sick.

June 3rd: Cleared off. We cooked 2 days of rations. Cleaned our guns, etc. Roach and several of the boys came in an brought the company papers etc. Said our luggage was all burned.

June 4th: Cloudy. We went and selected a camping ground and marched to it. Bivouacked.

June 5th: Clear. Our company was detailed for skirmishes. We had skirmish drill.

June 6th: Cloudy. The sick went to the depot, the convalescent went ahead. I started with them. Went 10 m.

June 7th: Cloudy. We started at sunrise. Went to Priceville. Hard rain in the evening. Several of us slept in a kitchen.

June 8th: Clear. We moved this evening. Cleaned off our ground and bivouacked.

June 9th: Clear. Skirmish drill. --ce?

June 10th: Clear. D. Wilson and some others came in today.



Destroying a Railroad.

Skirmish drill, parade etc.

June 11th & 12th: Clear. We went and washed our clothes.

June 13th: Ditto. I am on guard. Mr. Mayunder, ditto. Mr. Givens came in today.

June 14th: Clear. J. M. Wilson and F. Dyer came in today.

(J. M. Wilson was with Co. H.)

June 15th: Clear. Inspection and preaching.

June 16th: Warm. We bivouacked. Threatening rain, moved this morning.

June 17th: Clear and warm. Mr. Hagood and Buchanan arrived. I have headache and feel bad today (rain).

June 18th: Clear. I am taking medicine. W. Herick and R. Inks arrived.

June 19th: Cloudy and clear. We pitched a tent and moved into it. Still taking medicine.

June 20th: Clear, ditto.

June 21st: Warm. D. Wilson started home.

JULY

July 13th: Clear. I went to the hospital on the hill. It has been very warm all this time.

July 18th: Clear. I went to camp today. I have not been able to stand around since I have been here.

July 19th: Clear. I went to camp again. The boys went foraging. Got some apples. We made dumplings for supper.

July 20th: Cloudy. At camp again, ate dinner with J. P. (or T).

July 21st: Clear. The boys went foraging. Got nice apples. I went to camp.

July 22nd: Clear. I took much exercise today. I got worse.

July 23rd: Clear. We had roasting ears and it being against orders, we came near going under guard.

July 24th: Clear.

July 25th: Ditto. I drew a pair of draw(ers?) (95)

July 26th: Ditto. P. made a pair of hooks, etc. Capt. Hobbs took command of company.

July 27th: Ditto. I went to camp. J. Nelson here.

July 28th: R. M. Dyer left for home.

July 29th: Ditto. The boys went out and got some peaches and killed some squirrels, etc.

July 30th: Hard rain.

July 31st: Showers and sunshine. I went to camp. The boys are hunting.

AUGUST

Aug. 1st: Clearing off. We drew clothing. I had a pair of pants.

Aug. 2nd: Clear.

Aug. 3rd: Cloudy.

Aug. 4th: Cloudy. We drew money. There was \$36 coming to me, \$25 clothing and month's wages.

Aug. 5th: Clear. I went to the wagon yard and ground my knife and drew a pair of draws, etc. Clary and Hand bought some apples and Hamilton some peaches.

Aug. 12th-18th: I knocked around and traded and one thing or another.

Aug. 19th: Cloudy. We cleaned clothing.

Aug. 20th: Clear. Mr. Irvin got back from his father's.

Aug. 21st: Ditto. Mr. Givens preached at the hospital tonight.

Aug. 22nd: T. Hamburg came in today.

Aug. 23rd: Mr. Givens started home today.

Aug. 24th: Rain.

Aug. 25th: We stacked tents and cleaned up camp.

Aug. 26th: Clear. All stirring around buying melons, etc.

Aug. 27th: Clear. I went to the mill. Bought a load of chickens. Orders to stop speculating, foraging, etc.

Aug. 28th: Clear. Knocking around as usual.

Aug. 29th and 30th: Ditto. Lieut. Montgomery died last night and was buried with honors of war.

Aug. 31st: Misting.

(To be continued)



QUERIES



Patsy R. Dunnington, 2018 - 27th Place S. E., Puyallup, WA 98372 seeking information on parents of James Carrol **GILLILAND**, b. in TN in 1816. He was married to Rebecca **FINE** and later to Mary **JONES**, and was buried in Greenland, Washington County in 1883. Also seeking information on Martha E. **PEERSON** who married William Jefferson Gilliland in 1868, and later married W. S. **PRIVETT** in 1887. Is a great-granddaughter.

Jerry V. Collins, 1940 South 6 Street, Abilene, TX 79602, would like to exchange information on the following **COLLINS** families listed in the 1860-70-80 Census of Washington County Arkansas. Martin and Charity Collins Mitchell and Sarah A. Collins. Joshua and Elizabeth M. Collins. James R. and Nancy Collins. William and Martha Collins. S. H. Collins. I will answer all queries.

Wish to contact descendants or others researching the **SIMPSON** family who settled near Evansville, Washington County by 1826. In an article published in the Fayetteville Democrat a hundred years ago, the Rev. John Buchanan (a pioneer of Washington County's old Cane Hill) recalled that the first families came to Washington County in 1826 before the Treaty was made giving white people the right to settle in what is now Washington County. There were six families: John Alexander, two McGarrah families, two Simpsons, and one Shannon.

The Simpson family migrated from Warren County, Kentucky to Washington County where James and Margaret Simpson both died between 1838 & 1840.

Known children of James and Margaret Simpson include: Mary Simpson who married Moses Mannon (Manning); Hugh Wesley Simpson who married Harriett Hunter. Hugh Wesley was killed by Indians in 1862. Harriett Hunter Simpson remarried S. F. Gray; Elizabeth Simpson who married Joel Kelly; William H. Simpson, wife Mary, Minerva Simpson who married James McCutcheon Campbell; Ann (or Annie) who married Evan Watkins. Evan Watkins died in 1842; and Ellen (or Eleanor) who married James Thompson.

Please contact Vicki Rounsavall, 1949 Juneway Terrace, Fayetteville, AR 72703.



The **GABBARD** Family Reunion will be held the second Saturday in July (July 13, 1991).



New supply of Lois Miller's Books from Washington County Records regarding:

<i>Marriages</i>	Books J-K-L	1891-1901	\$25.00
<i>Marriages</i>	Books M-N-O	1901-1911	\$25.00
<i>Marriages</i>	Books P-Q-R-S	1911-1922	\$25.00
<i>Marriages</i>	Books T-U-V	1922-1930	\$25.00
<i>Marriages</i>	Books W-X-Y-Z	1930-1941	\$30.00
<i>Abstracts of Deeds</i>	Book A	1830-1838	\$25.00
<i>Real Estate Taxpayers</i>		1890	\$34.00

All of the above are bound in soft covers. Some are available in hard cover for a higher price. Please add \$2.50 for postage and handling charge for each order.



Maginnis's Last Mission



*Plane Name Invictus
482 Bomb Group
812 Bomb Sqd.*

J. R. McCurdy, Society member from Amarillo, TX, gave us the story of his brother's death as a bomber crew gunner in WW11, which we ran in February. McCurdy had been 40 years tracking down the story of each crewman that his brother flew alongside. The following is the final mission record of Pilot James Maginnis, his 24th. At that point in time, a complete tour was 25 missions with the 8th Air Force out of England. As we approached 23, 24 and 25, each crew's anxiety about successfully completing its tour increased tremendously. Everyone felt his bag of luck was running close to empty. All thought there were too many being shot down or out on their very last trips. Remember, on any one of these missions we could and did lose more men than were lost in the entire Desert Storm operation.

A brief description of the Brunswick raid 1-11-44 and what happened to Maginnis and Crew #24. My 23rd mission, Maginnis's 24th.

I made 18 missions with the 351st Bomb Group, and then transferred to a special unit (radar) which was forming at that time called the "Pathfinders". Our job was to fly with the leading group that day. Near the target, we took over the lead position. We could pin point the target though 100% overcast and dropped our smoke bombs, then the following groups could bomb on our flares. Also, we pitched out a lot of tin foil to cut the accuracy of the German flack for the following planes coming behind us.

We arose at 1:00 a.m. and flew our plane to the 306th

Bomb Group which was to lead 1-11-44 to Brunswick. All groups were forming and in the air heading for target. One by one all groups were recalled to their base. We weren't recalled. Went on into the coast (8th Air Force was checking to see how many fighters Germany could get in the air). Scuttle butt among crew members.

Fighters were real leary, but left us near target. Flack then picked us up. After target, noticed the tail guns didn't look right and reported same to pilot. Mac sent Ricardi, R. W. ??? to check on tail gunner. I heard him tell Mac the tail gunner was dead and guns out. No other remarks by Ricardi.

Prior to target I had cautioned tail gunner to let the fighters come on in so that his guns could cool off. (His 1st mission). His tracers, I could see, were just lobbing out of his gun barrels end over end and doing no damage to enemy fighters.

Then the fighters came back over the entire group. Ball turret had to take care of most work load (no tailgunner). I could shoot fighters coming in high from top turret, otherwise the vertical stabilizer would automatically stop my guns from shooting so that I would not shoot off the tail.

Sometime later, maybe while reloading my guns, I got the impression we went on auto pilot as I saw Maginnis adjusting the knobs on it. When that happened, the rule was to leave formation (preventing damage to planes next to you), which we did. Last glance at altimeter: approx. 20,000 feet.

All hell broke loose then as the fighters lined up on us one after the other (round robin). I heard Wylie pleading with Maginnis three times to get us to a lower squadron so their guns could help us to fight off the fighters.

The best I can remember I had only four or five rounds of ammo in one gun when the "G" force took hold of me. I

sank to the bottom of the turret, then between the armor plate base of the turret and the corner of the cabin. My butt was wedged so tight I could not move my arms or legs, only my eyeballs. Don't know what happened to electric gloves, oxygen mask, etc. Presume they came loose when I sank to the floor.

Then as the "G" force let up on the plane the empty ammo cans went to the ceiling of cabin and didn't come down. (Could have looped). Everything turned red, which I thought was blood from co-pilot hitting windshield and side window...could not see pilot's side.

Here things become fuzzy.. do not remember getting out of plane, pulling rip cord etc. Maybe lack of oxygen...I don't know. Last impression the plane had looped. When I came to my senses, I was drifting in my parachute with a German fighter circling me. I thought he was going to shoot me. I hung out tongue and head over to one side. Fighter left me when I neared the overcast. As I broke out of overcast I saw a large body of water (Zuider Zee). Also thought I was going to land in the water. Found out then I was hurt as I could not unfasten my leg straps to drop in water... you have to get away from chute. Pulled then on shroud lines of chute to get away from water.

Landed on beach in a small village in Holland. Hollanders came to help me to escape the Germans. I explained to them that I could not walk. They did not try to hide me from the Germans then as it was too dangerous for them.

Later the Germans came, (fighter was radioing my position to his base to pick me up), and I was put inside car of a motorcycle, carried to a German fighter base infirmary. A German pilot came in and said he was one of fighters who had shot us down. He spoke perfect English and was very young. I said nothing to him as I was afraid the Germans would connect me with the "Pathfinders".

Dark came and I was moved to a small hospital near by.

Holland nurses had gathered around a three or four story stair case well to catch a glimpse of an American flier. A German in charge screamed at them and they scattered like quail. Stayed there over a day, but when night came I was put in an ambulance and taken to Queen Wilhemenia Hospital in Amsterdam, Holland.

In the Queen Wilhemenia Hospital, I was the only person in a large barred room, guarded day and night by a German soldier at my door. Even though I could not walk or move...spinal injury, broken collar bone, two ribs broken, frozen hands....medical treatment there was excellent as far as I know.

Stayed there until 1st of March (did not know what happened to my crew). Put on hospital train, sent to Frankfurt for interrogation. On my way to P.O.W. camp, while locked in hospital coach, the yanks made their raid on Berlin 3-6-44. They hit a fuel supply dump and the railroad yards where I was. The German guards left us locked up and went to a bomb shelter. Brought back leaflets U. S. Forces had dropped.

Then on to Danzig, Poland, and from there to Memel, Lithuania to P.O.W. camp. While there, to my surprise, in the adjoining compound I ran into Mills & Rajala, who told me they had landed in water, that Ricardi had drowned from getting tangled in shroud lines of his chute. They were pulled from the water by small boats. We could not talk much on account of German guards. (Had to holler across barbed wire). Rajala had borrowed my watch for the mission and he kept it hidden from the Germans. He threw it across twenty feet of barbed wire. Later, I traded it for a loaf of bread.

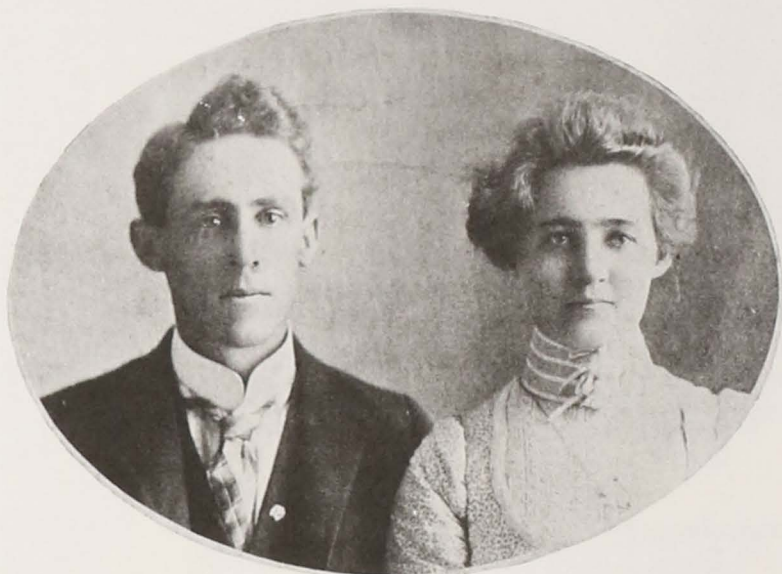
Never saw Rajala or Mills again.

The Trouble with Burning the Candle at Both Ends
is that You Always Get Caught in the Middle.

Winslow Clyde Chapter C. E. S. 361

by Robert G. Winn

We wish first to express thanks and appreciation to Mrs. Bethel Jones and (now deceased Miss Glenn Stockburger and Mrs. Lyda Pace) for their contributions that made possible the writing of the following article, and to Mrs. Agnes Stockburger and Jane Griffith for the complete list of officers.



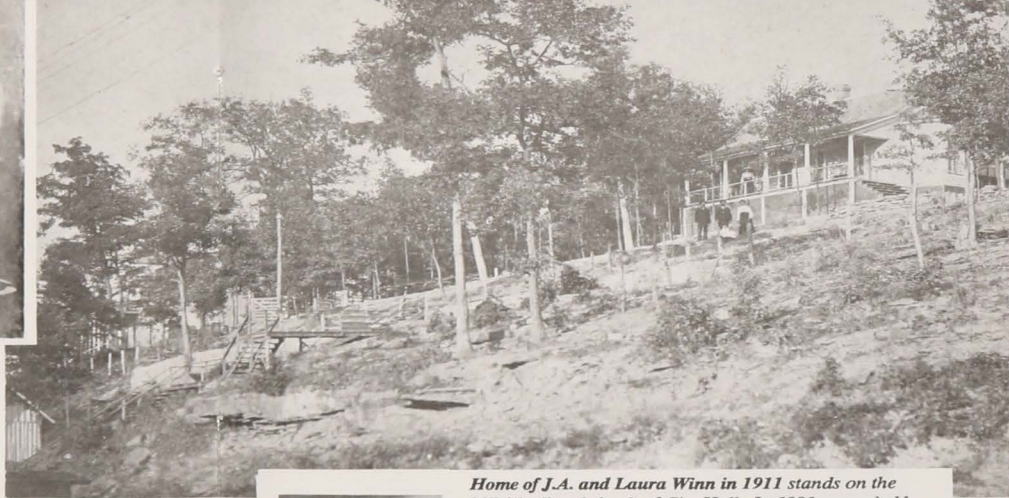
Clyde (Jack) Karnes, for whom Clyde Chapter was named, and his wife Amanda

On February 25, 1911, a preliminary meeting was held at Winslow, Washington County, Arkansas, for the purpose of organizing a chapter of the Eastern Star as an affiliate of the F & AM Summit Lodge No. 530.

At the February meeting the name Clyde Chapter was unanimously agreed upon. The name seemed a natural choice among those present. Samuel Clyde Karnes was half brother to both Mr. and Mrs. James A. Winn. Clyde Karnes, with his half brother George A. Winn, had built the building with first floor serving as general store in



No individual picture of Etta Black, first Worthy Matron of Clyde Chapter, is available. Here we see her as a member of Winslow's first and only all-woman city council, many were members of Clyde Chapter. L. to R., seated Mayor Maud Duncan, back of her is Mrs. Lyda Cole, Mrs. Florence Marley OES, Mrs. Audie Crider OES, Mrs. Bee Cherveny, Mrs. Daisy Miller, Mrs. Etta Black (first Worthy Matron Clyde Chapter). Standing L. to R., Miss Martha Winn OES, Mrs. Virginia C. Dunlap, Miss Stella Winn OES. Photo dated 1925.



James A. Winn
first Worthy Patron
of Clyde Chapter C.E.S.

Picture taken ca 1912, the West Fork lodge is visiting Winslow. L. to R., front — R.C. "Bob" Nickell, George A. Winn, "Little" Andy Karnes [West Fork], Virgil Land, Roy Karnes [West Fork], Ralph Tapp, "Bub" Williams [a visitor], Austin Yoes, Omer A. Winn, J.J. Yoes, Noah Terry, J.M. Crider, Arnett Bogan. Standing L. to R. — "Bud" Little [West Fork], "Big" Andy Karnes [West Fork], Appy Brown, John Miller, Bill Hughes [West Fork], Walter Huey, Dr. Miller, Dr. W.W. Mahan, John Rutherford [West Fork], Noah Stockburger, Bud Miller, J.A. Winn, J.F. Black, Raymond Duncan, Harry Lewis, Sam Guinn, Walker R. Winn, Rev. W.E. Reid, George Reed. The door at left back leads to the lodge hall upstairs. (Identification by Lyda Winn Pace.)



Home of J.A. and Laura Winn in 1911 stands on the hillside directly back of City Hall. In 1991, occupied by Pete Jordan family. Notice the steps leading up hillside from downtown level, and the Frisco depot where Mr. Winn served as agent for almost fifty years.

Home of Mrs. Etta Black, first Worthy Matron of Clyde Chapter. Photo taken 1909; house occupied by the L.B. Fitzgerald family, shown. Soon after, the J.F. Black family moved in. One of the earliest homes built in Winslow, by a Mr. Cooksey in the 1880s when he owned a saw mill at the mouth of hollow down hill from residence. In 1991 house is owned by Mrs. Fitzpatrick and still in use.



which the two men were engaged as partners. The second floor was dedicated for use by the Masonic Lodge already in existence in the town, but had no building to call its own. In 1905 the Masons helped in the expense of erecting the building which would become their meeting place. They continued to pay rent to the owners of the land upon which the building stood, but the second floor belonged to them and was under their exclusive control. One year after the building was completed Clyde Karnes died a tragic death. The following are excerpts from the obituary published in a Fayetteville newspaper at the time. (The paper is among Lyda Winn Pace's memorabilia at the Shiloh Museum in Springdale.)

"Mr. Clyde Karnes was born October 22, 1878, at West Fork, Arkansas, and died in Winslow July 9, 1906, aged 27 years, 8 months and 17 days. "Jack", as all his friends called him, was the only child of Daniel H. and Eliza Winn Karnes. At the age of 20 he was married to Miss Amanda Langston. No children were born to this couple. He had purchased one of the nicest places in Winslow for a residence where he lived at the time of his death. (The house is the one and one half story residence at the end of Rickman Avenue, up the hill past the present Baptist Church. It is, in 1991, the home of the Loren G. Rickman family. The house, with its stone wall across the front of the yard, appears now much as it did during Mr. Karnes lifetime.)

"On the morning of his death Mr. Karnes was starting to his store at six o'clock when his attention was drawn to his dog's barking at a squirrel it had treed in the hollow a short distance from the house. He thought he would steal the time from his business and take a shot at the squirrel. Judging by the marks in the sole of his shoe and on the sloping rock on the side of the hollow, he had slipped and fallen on the rock, discharging the pistol, the bullet striking about the center of the upper lip and coming out at the

back of his head.

"Not appearing at the store for considerable time after his usual hour, his brother Geroge sent to inquire whether or not he was sick. This caused his wife to become alarmed, who had been waiting breakfast for his return from the store, thinking he had gone there after shooting the squirrel. Search was made, revealing the above facts of his death."

Thus, when the meeting was held to organize the first O. E. S. in Winslow, less than six years after his death, the first and unanimous choice of a name was that of Clyde. The preliminary meeting on February 25th was followed by another meeting on April 1st of that year according to the following report recorded in 1911:

Following is a list of Charter Members of the Chapter: Mrs. Etta Black, (wife of J. F. Black) First Worthy Matron, Mrs. Christina Bogan, Mrs. Martha (C. A.) Brown, Mrs. Sidney (W. A.) Brown, Mrs. Audie (J. M.) Crider, Miss Maude Guinn, Mrs. Rachel Guinn, widow of Wm. Guinn, Miss Rachel Guinn, Mrs. Scilda (S. A.) Guinn, Mrs. Etta (W. W.) Mahan, (Etta Mahan was a sister to Amanda, wife of Clyde Karnes), Mrs. Rose (Elmer) Miller, Mrs. Clara (D. H.) Morgan, Mrs. Z. T. Porter, Mrs. Maggie (C. W.) Reed, Mrs. Ollie (A. E.) Stockburger, Mrs. Laura (J. A.) Winn, A. W. Brown, C. A. Brown, James M. Crider, S. A. Guinn, W. W. Mahan, D. H. Morgan, A. T. Porter, G. W. Porter, A. E. Stockburger, J. A. Winn, (First Worthy Patron).

None of these Charter members survive in 1991. The first Worthy Patron, J. A. Winn, died April 3, 1949; he is buried in the Karnes-Winn private cemetery south of West Fork. The first Worthy Matron, Mrs. Etta Black, died February 13, 1977; she is buried in Fairview Memorial Gardens, Fayetteville, Arkansas. The last surviving

Charter member, Mrs. Maude Guinn Freemon, died in San Bernardino, California, November 25, 1989. She is buried in Forest Park Cemetery, Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Clyde Chapter O. E. S. continued to meet in the hall along with Masonic Lodge 530 until the destructive fire on the night of May 5, 1954, destroyed the entire block of buildings on the west side of Winslow. The lodge building stood about where the present street crosses the railroad track. Immediately after the fire, the Masons formulated plans for a new meeting place. Land was purchased from Byrd and Marvin Anderson north of Winslow beside the small stream just south of the present Winslow Church of Christ. Soon, a new one story yellow brick structure was ready for occupancy by Summit Lodge No. 530 and Clyde Chapter No. 361. This has been the home of these two organizations since that time. Clyde Karnes is buried in the Karnes-Winn Cemetery beside his half-brother J. A. Winn, first Worthy Patron of Clyde Chapter, and not far from the home where Clyde was born and where both men spent their boyhood.

In recent years the membership in both the Eastern Star and Masonic organizations declined to the point that maintaining organizations at both West Fork and Winslow was not feasible. The groups at West Fork requested permission to join the Winslow groups. At present both groups use the Winslow facilities. This accounts for the fact that some leaders in these organizations reside in West Fork as well as in Winslow.

Following is a complete list of Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of Clyde Chapter, including the present 1991 officer:

Past Patrons

Clyde Chapter #361

1911	J. A. Winn	1931	J. A. Winn
1912	H. E. Burgess	1932	R. L. Maddox
1913	H. E. Burgess	1933	R. L. Maddox

1914	H. E. Burgess	1934	Clint Shook
1915	H. E. Burgess	1935	Clint Shook
1916	H. E. Burgess	1936	Wayne A. Henbest
1917	H. E. Burgess	1937	Clint Shook
1918	H. E. Burgess	1938	Clint Shook
1919	H. E. Burgess	1939	N. O. Stockburger
1920	W. E. Langston	1940	N. O. Stockburger
1921	W. E. Langston	1941	Jack Stockburger
1922	N. O. Stockburger	1942	Jack Stockburger
1923	P. B. Smith	1943	Clint Shook
1924	P. B. Smith	1944	Pete P. Land
1925	S. H. Duncan	1945	S. H. Duncan
1926	H. K. Stewart	1946	Paul Stonesifer
1927	H. K. Stewart	1947	Paul Stonesifer
1928	N. O. Stockburger	1948	Jack Stockburger
1929	N. O. Stockburger	1949	Jack Stockburger
1930	J. A. Winn	1950	Ted Davidson
1951	Milton Johnston	1972	Philip Jackman
1952	Milton Johnston	1973	Philip Jackman
1953	Connor Osburn	1974	Rudolph Coats
1954	Adam Reed	1975	Ted Davidson
1955	Adam Reed	1976	Jack Stockburger
1956	Urval Phipps	1977	Ross Stinchcomb
1957	Jeredon Chandler	1978	Cecil Bradley
1958	Jack Collins	1979	Ross Stinchcomb
1959	Eddie Bellis	1980	Sumner Smith
1960	Frank Logan	1981	Phillop Wheaton
1961	Frank Logan	1982	Jack Stockburger
1962	Frank Logan	1983	Philip Wheaton
1963	Urval Phipps	1984	Philip Wheaton
1964	Jack Stockburger	1985	Rudolph Coats
1965	Adam Reed	1986	Lester Hutchins
1966	Jeredon Chandler	1987	Robert Curtis
1967	Olin Crandell	1988	Lester Hutchins
1968	Jack Stockburger	1989	Gus Becerra
1969	Jeredon Chandler	1990	Lester Hutchins
1970	George Thomas	1991	Lester Hutchins
1971	Philip Jackman		

Past Matrons

Clyde Chapter #361

1911	Mrs. Etta Black	1932	Hazel Stockburger
1912	Mrs. Etta Black	1933	Eliza Duncan
1913	Laura Winn	1934	Jewel France
1914	Mary M. Burgess	1935	Bertha Caudle
1915	Rachell Guinn	1936	Blonnie Henbest

1916	Maud Guinn	1937	Virgie Shook
1917	Clara A. Morgan	1938	Juanita Standley
1918	Hazel Yoes	1939	Juanita Duncan
1919	Ethel Green Jones	1940	Agnes Stockburger
1920	Callie Stockburger	1941	Geneva Land
1921	Pearl Miller	1942	Winnefred Kreth
1922	Leona Langston	1943	Bonnie Dupar
1923	Stella Winn	1944	Laura Land
1924	Audie Crider	1945	Ollie Duncan
1925	Bethel Jones	1946	Anna Stonesifer
1926	Ethel Smith	1947	Laura Land
1927	Ollie Duncan	1948	Bonnie Dupar
1928	Mable Maddox	1949	Agnes Stockburger
1929	Florence Marley	1950	Anna Stonesifer
1930	Miss Glenn Stockburger	1951	Helen Davidson
1931	Dora Duncan	1952	Mary Johnston
1953	Sue Bellas	1973	Iris Collier
1954	Stella Osburn	1974	Ethel Coats
1955	Rhea Phipps	1975	Helen Davidson
1956	Rhea Phipps	1976	Iris Collier
1957	Jackie Chandler	1977	Linda Reed
1958	Mae Reed	1978	Marilee Curtis
1959	Martha Collins	1979	Ruth Stenchcomb
1960	Rhea Phipps	1980	Betsy Smith
1961	Irene Logan	1981	Marilee Curtis
1962	Irene Logan	1982	Jane Griffith
1963	Rhea Phipps	1983	Hildred Wheaton
1964	Agnes Stockburger	1984	Hildred Wheaton
1965	Mae Reed	1985	Marilee Curtis
1966	Jackie Chandler	1986	Betty Hutchins
1967	Muriel Rome	1987	Marilee Curtis
1968	Edna Stockburger	1988	Delores Jackman
1969	Bernice Yeater	1989	Charolette Becerra
1970	Helen Thomas	1990	Charolette Becerra
1971	Yvonne Jackman	1991	Ruby Sullivan
1972	Yvonne Jackman		

ERRORS.

We make them, but desire to make them right. Should one occur, don't fail to let us know about it.

TWO SOLDIERS OF THE CROSS

by Lloyd O. Warren



In the early part of the twentieth century the Fayetteville Baptist Association was a dominant force for the Baptist cause in Washington County. Among the ministers who served churches in the association were two, Charles S. (C.S.) Farmer (left), and L. L. Johnson (right), who devoted almost all of their ministerial life to churches

in this area. Each, at various times, served as a "local" missionary assigned to hold evangelistic meetings in destitute communities that might lead to the establishment of churches. At other times such meetings might be held in a church struggling to survive in a thinly populated community. Their life-time commitment to service in the area is in contrast to the mobility of pastoral leadership in the 1990's that is relatively short-term in duration. It is not now uncommon for a minister to move hundreds of miles to assume a pastorate in a distant location, thus failing to establish "roots" in any given locality. While serving many different churches in northwest Arkansas, Farmer and Johnson dedicated their ministries to serving the residents of the respective communities in which they labored, and both lived to serve 3-4 generations of many family groups.

C. S. Farmer was born April 15, 1879 at Fall Creek, southwestern Washington County. He attended Cane Hill College for a time. He was ordained a minister by the Pleasant Home Baptist Church, Alma, Arkansas, July 21, 1904. He married Ida McWhorter August 29, 1912. They were the parents of four children. He spent most of his ministerial career in the northwest Arkansas area including pastoring churches in Washington County. He served as moderator, clerk, treasurer and missionary at various times for the Fayetteville Baptist Association. In 1935, he moved to Alma, later to Van Buren, where he led in the organization of Calvary Baptist Church in 1949, which he served as pastor of until his death August 14, 1951.

C. S. Farmer was not a dynamic speaker, yet because of his logical reasoning was a very effective teacher and leader. During the 44 years of his ministry he pastored the following churches located in Washington Co—Apostolic, Bethlehem, Center Point, Fall Creek, Liberty, Little Elm, Mountain Gap, Mountain Grove, Mountain View, Mount Vernon, Oakland, Pleasant Valley, Prairie View, Shady Grove, Silent Grove, Spring Creek and Sycamore as well as others not recorded.

L. L. Johnson, a native of Missouri, was born October 16, 1863, at Hannon. When twenty years old, he married Lizzie Boster, April 15, 1883. The couple became the parents of nine children. Johnson was converted and joined a Baptist church when he was about 30 years old. Soon after he was ordained to the ministry by the Hog Creek Baptist Church in Texas Co., Mo. Shortly afterwards Johnson and his family moved to the Springdale-Lowell area where he lived until he died November 24, 1934. Soon after his arrival he was elected missionary for the Fayetteville Baptist Assn., an office he filled frequently throughout his active ministerial career. As missionary in the 1906-1912 period he reported 649 conversions and 503 baptisms as a result of his evangelistic labors. He also served the Benton County Missionary Baptist Association as missionary for the years 1928-1929. Churches of the Fayetteville Baptist Association which he pastored included Apostolic, Center Point, Friendship, Goshen, Liberty, Mt. Pisgah, Mt. Vernon, New Hope, Oakland, Prairie View, Spring Creek, Springdale and Spring Valley.

Johnson was a dynamic speaker, uniquely talented to serve the association as a missionary evangelist.

One must appreciate that the careers of Farmer and Johnson spanned a period of time in which the road system in the area was primitive in nature. To meet their appointments at their respective pastorates they often walked, rode a horse or horse-drawn conveyance, and sometimes a train. In the latter years of their careers they were able to utilize an automobile.

As was the custom of the churches in their time, regular church services were scheduled once a month. This often included services Saturday evening, Sunday morning and Sunday evening. Thus the pastor had to leave his home on Saturday, stay in a church member's home while serving his pastorate, returning to his home on Monday. These pastoral assignments often involved four individual

churches that the minister would serve as pastor on a monthly cycle or one-quarter time basis. In the 1920-1940 period some churches were able to call pastors for one half-time, or two services a month. The reader will appreciate the impact of the frequent absences of the minister on the life of his family.

Serving as a pastor or missionary did not, in Johnson's and Farmer's era, provide adequate income. They, as many other pastors, had to rely on secular work to supplement their income from ministerial activities. For example, in 1934, Farmer, as associational missionary, worked 85 days on the field, preached 79 sermons, organized one church and was paid \$212.50! From this he had to support his family, pay for transportation and other expense! Johnson's income and experiences were comparable to those of Farmer's.

Obviously neither minister could accumulate a lot of tangible wealth in their careers. They were wholly dedicated to their calling. In their humbleness they left a legacy of ethical, moral and religious values among their respective flocks that cannot be measured in tangibles.

AHNENTAFEL CHARTS



On our charts, the submitter is No. 1. Double the number to find the father, No. 2. Add one to the father's number and this will be the mother, No. 3. Continue to do this for each generation.

*Chart of Janet Rae Moore
309 Staffordshire; Irving TX 75061*

1. Janet Rae Moore b 05 Nov 1940, Denver CO, liv Irving TX 75061, m 20 Jun 1964, Wellston, OK.

GENERATION 1

2. James 'Medford' Moore b 22 Jun 1913, Taylor Co. TX, liv Okla City OK 73120, m 05 Jan 1940, Denver, CO
3. Lola Maxine Rudel b 25 Nov 1914, Fleming, CO, d 06 May 1983, Okla City, OK, bur Memorial Park Cem., Okla City, OK, m. 05 Jan 1940, Denver, CO.

GENERATION 2

4. Lit Haywood Moore Sr. b 10 Jan 1884, Hye TX, d 06 May 1972, Lubbock, TX , m 11 Dec 1907 Abilene, TX
5. Dora Melvina Smith b 20 Feb 1884, Romance, AR, d 16 Dec 1968, Abilene, TX.
6. Charles Leonard Rudel Sr. b 21 Apr 1884, Wakonda, Dak Terr, d 25 May 1963, Sterling, CO, m 23 Feb 1914, Sterling CO.
7. Hazel Gertrude Bryant b 19 Feb 1894, Nevada Iowa, d 20 Feb 1944, Sterling CO, m 23 Feb 1914, Sterling, CO.
8. John Haywood Moore b 10 Oct 1855, Fayette Co. TX, d 06 Sept 1931, Fredericksburg, TX, bur Pleasant Hill Rocky Cem., Hye, TX, m 20 Jun 1876, Fayette Co. TX.
9. Laura Jane Philips b 25 Jan 1860, Washington Co. AR, d 28 Jan 1912, Hye, TX, bur Pleasant Hill Rocky Cem., Hye, TX, m 20 Jun 1876, Fayette Co. TX.
10. James Alexander Smith b 15 Feb 1857, Tenn, d 28 Dec 1935, Runnels Co. Tx, m 20 Oct 1878, White Co. AR.
11. Louella Sidney Scott b 05 Feb 1861, Ark, d 09 May 1918, Runnels Co. TX. , m 20 Oct 1878, White Co. AR.
12. Leonard Rudel b 06 Nov 1837, Ruth Place Germany,

- d 16 Jul 1887, Clay Co. Dak Terr, m 26 Feb 1866,
Stephenson Co. ILL.
13. Mary Elizabeth Lantzer b 09 Jan 1847, Penn, d 17
Sep 1897, Clay Co. S. Dak, m 26 Feb 1866,
Stephenson Co. ILL.
 14. John William Bryant b 14 Nov 1859, Nevada Iowa, d
06 Jun 1925, Sterling, CO, m 11 Oct 1891, Nevada,
Iowa.
 15. Ida Minverva Bell b 06 Sep 1873, Vandalia, Iowa, d
08 Jun 1939, Sterling, CO, m 11 Oct 1891, Nevada,
Iowa.
 16. Haywood Moore b 05 Jan 1815, prob Pitt Co. NC, d
18 Dec 1882, Fayette Co. TX, bur Pin Oak Cem.,
Black Jack Springs, TX, m 12 Dec 1844, Republic of
TX.
 17. Mary H. McClure b 19 Nov 1829, Tenn, d 20 May
1904, Colorado Co. TX, bur Myrtle Cem., Rock
Island, TX, m 12 Dec 1844 Republic of TX.
 18. James Lafayette Philips b 10 Jul 1825, Franklin Co.
Tenn, d 05 Nov 1889, Muldoon, TX, bur Black Jack
Springs Cem., Fayette Co. TX, m 10 Jan 1858,
Washington Co. AR.
 19. Caledonia B./D. Fine b 26 Apr 1836, Washington Co.
AR, d 04 Apr 1930, Muldoon, TX, bur Black Jack
Springs Cem., Fayette Co. TX, m 10 Jan 1853,
Washington Co. AR.
 20. James Smith d ca 1866, m.
 21. ----- d 15 Feb 1857, Tenn, m.
 22. A. S. Scott b ca 1830, NC, d (Civil War), m by 1850,
prob Miss.
 23. Martha A. Robbins b ca 1829, prob Tenn, d after
1860, prob AR, m by 1850, prob Miss
 24. Christian Rudel b 01 Apr 1809, Schwaigern Wurttt, d
04 Feb 1899, Lena Ill, bur Grace M. E. Cem., Pearl

City, Ill, m 1835, Germany.

25. Friederika 'Rachel' Behringer b 17 Nov 1813, Germany, d 09 Nov 1887, Loran, Ill, bur Grace M. E. Cem., Pearl City, Ill., m 1835, Germany.
26. John Lantzer b 1822, Snyderstown PA, d 1873, Stephenson Co., Ill, bur Lena Cem., Stephenson Co. Ill, m 1846, Penn.
27. Hannah Deibler b 14 Jan 1827, Northumberland Co. PA, d 09 Dec 1924, Kent, Ill, bur Lena Cem., Stephenson Co. Ill, m 1846 Penn.
28. Charles Lewis Bryant b 24 May 1825, KY, d 25 Feb 1904, Nevada, Iowa, bur Murphy Cem., Richland, Iowa, m. 16 Nov. 1848, Macon Co. Ill.
29. America See b 31 Dec 1823, Ind, d 27 Mar 1887, Richland, Iowa, bur Murphy Cem., Richland, Iowa, m 16 Nov 1848, Macon Co. Ill.
30. John W. Bell b ca 1851, Penn, m 07 Sep 1871, Jasper Co. Iowa.
31. Ermina/Emma J. Quick b ca 1851, Ind, m 07 Sep 1871, Jasper Co. Iowa.

GENERATION 5

32. William Moore b 1789, NC, d 1836. Haywood Co. TN, m. NC.
33. Frances Forrest b 1790, NC, d 27 Sep 1873, Haywood Co. TN, m NC.
34. Levi McClure.
35. ?Elizabeth Archer.
36. James 'Jim' Philips (no proof).
37. Sarah White (no proof).
38. Spencer Forby Fine b 07 Jan 1808, TN, d ?Washington Co. AR, m by 1834, prob Wash. Co. AR.
39. Jane Brandon b 17 Apr 1818, TN, m by 1834, prob

Wash. Co. AR.

- 46. William R. Robbins b ca 1803, TN, d. after 1850, m.
- 47. ----- m.
- 52. Heinrich Johannes 'John' Lantzer b 1782, Berks Co. PA, d 1845, Columbia Co., PA, bur Follmer Lutheran Church Cem., Northumberland Co. PA, m by 1810, prob Berks Co. PA.
- 53. Catherine 'Susannah' ?Shout b 1787, PA, d 1858, Stephenson Co. Ill, bur Lena Cem., Stephenson Co. Ill, m by 1810, prob. Berks Co. PA.
- 54. George Deibler b 19 Feb 1777, PA, d 16 Mar 1852, Northumberland Co. PA, m by 1820, PA.
- 55. Elizabeth Timmerman/Zimmerman b 06 Feb 1801, PA, d 31 Aug 1879, Northumberland Co. PA, bur Jacob's or Reed's Lutheran Cem., m by 1820, PA.
- 56. ?Joshua Bryant b 1794-1800, VA, d 1840-1850, prob ILL, m 28 Jun 1821, Christian Co. KY.
- 57. ?Mary 'Polly' Lewis b 1793-1802, VA, d after 1869, prob Iowa, m 28 Jun 1821, Christian Co. KY.
- 62. Edward Quick b ca 1821, PA, d 31 Mar 1874, Jasper Co. Iowa, m.
- 63. Minerva E. Asher b ca 1828, Ind, d after 1884, prob Iowa, m.

GENERATION 6

- 72. Elijah Philips.
- 73. Mary -----.
- 76. William Fine.
- 77. Catherine 'Katie' Sivley.
- 78. James J. Brandon b 1770-1780, d ca Oct 1850, prob Wash. Co. Ark, m.
- 79. Rhoda Cartwright b 1780-1790, m.
- 104. Abraham Lantzer b. ca 1749, d after 1819, prob Col.

Co. PA, m by Oct 1774.

- 105. Catherine ----- b ca 1760, d after 1819, prob Col. Co. PA, m. by Oct 1774.
- 108. George Deibler (Sr.) d 1790-1800, m.
- 109. Elizabeth Clingman b ca 1758, Philadelphia PA, d after 1835, m.
- 112. ???Lawrence Bryant.
- 114. ???Robert Lewis Sr.
- 124. James Quick Sr. b ca 1794, PA.
- 125. -----.
- 126. ----- Asher b ---, NC.
- 127. Sarah ----- b ca 1795, NC, d after 1849.

GENERATION 7

- 152. Vinet Fine.
- 153. _____.
- 154. ?Jacob Sivley.
- 155. ?Alsey -----.
- 158. Joseph Cartwright.
- 208. George Lantzer d 1807, Berks Co. PA, m.
- 209. Elisabeth ----- m.
- 218. John Michael Clingman b 26 Oct 1736, Germany, d 26 Jan 1816, Scioto Co. OH, bur Kinney Cem. Portsmouth, OH, m. 17 Apr 1757, Philadelphia, PA.
- 219. Ann Elizabeth Miller b 19 Feb 1739, Germany, d 19 Jan 1805, Northumberland Co. PA, m 17 Apr 1757, Philadelphia, PA.

GENERATION 8

- 304. ?Thomas Fine.
- 305. -----.
- 436. ?Friedrich 'Jacob' Klingemann.



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Organized In Washington County



by Lloyd O. Warren

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John Barnes, John S. Clary, Levi Graham, John Holcombe and Berry D. Graham. John and Mary Miller joined the church at Shiloh in September 1868, and he was received as a deacon (*FLASHBACK* 15(5):11).



JOHN PEERSON SERVED as church clerk from time to time and represented the church at associations and other fellowship activities. In September 1842, William and Martha Peerson were admitted to the church and Stephen Peerson joined in November 1842. The regular church meetings were frequently held either at the home of John Peerson or John Miller. John Miller left the church for a short period but returned to the church in October 1849.

John and Sarah Peerson eventually moved their membership to Shiloh, being admitted in the year 1860. In 1862, he was elected church clerk at Shiloh. The land on which the Springdale Country Club is located once belonged to John and Sarah Peerson (*FLASHBACK* 13(3):2; 18(1):33).



FROM THE FOREGOING, it is apparent that the church on West Fork provided leadership and members for the church at Shiloh and that there was strong interaction for many years.

However, Shiloh was not the only "daughter" church succored by the West Fork congregation. In June 1844, the church agreed to establish an "arm at the schoolhouse near old Brother Winn's to hold church meetings" on the fourth weekend of each month. Miner H. Winn joined the West Fork Church by letter February 1835, and Leadasy for baptism October 1837. Here at the Winns' the church received Zephaniah and Elizabeth Harrison, Anderson Hutchens, Eleazar Pelfrey and James Sinclair as members, the latter three by baptism. In December 1844, the church granted letters of dismissal to Jacob Lemaster, Anderson Hutchens, James Sinclair, Zephaniah Harrison, Miner H. Winn, Eleazor Pelfrey, William D. Shores, Elizabeth Harrison, Leadasy Winn and Malinda Dickman for the purpose of organizing a church which was to be done at William D. Shores' on Saturday before the 4th Sabbath in December 1844. The minutes provide no further information on this group.

In November 1843 a number of members who possibly lived nearer to Fayetteville petitioned the church for letters of dismissal in order to constitute a church at Fayetteville. Those granted letters for this purpose were: Jacob and Margaret Ann Coats, Onesimus Evans, Thomas Brinson, Sarah Graham, John and Martha Ann Ward, Oliver and Amy Spencer, Peter and Temperance VanWinkle, John and Mary Miller, Mary Jane Miller and Martha Taylor.

The effort to organize a church at Fayetteville was evidently unsuccessful, for in January 1844 those members who had withdrawn letters returned them. No explanation is given for this action.



THE ORGANIZATION OF THIS CHURCH was accomplished on the Middle Fork of White River. It drew members from the West Fork area which eventually caused the body to lose its identity with the Middle Fork Valley, resulting in the name change to the "West Fork Baptist Church of Christ" in November, 1836. Ten years later, August 1846, a number of the West Fork church requested letters for the purpose of organizing a new church on the Middle Fork of White River. Those obtaining letters were: John and Mary Miller, Mary Jane Miller, John Ward, Martha Ann Ward, John Bloyd, Jemima Bloyd, William and Martha Skelton. The organization was accomplished in September of 1846, with representatives from sister churches, including Shiloh, aiding in the constitution of the new church. It appears that the Civil War may have caused the second church on Middle Fork to fade out. At any rate, in July 1868, the church at Shiloh elected representatives to aid in the organization of a new church on Middle Fork in August of 1868. This is probably the church referred to in reports by F. M. McConnell (*FLASHBACK* 15(5):11; 16(2):33; 17(2):41-42; 20(1):35-36).

Besides the linkages mentioned above, churches in the Washington, Madison and Benton County area that fellowshipped together included Sonora (?), Bethlehem-Wedington-Illinois River area; Richland, War Eagle and New Hope of Madison County, and Little Flock probably in Crawford County. These churches would frequently call on each other for counsel and assistance in the ordination of deacons and ministers, in settling doctrinal disputes or other matters that affected church fellowship.

In order to better understand the doctrine and practices of the church on West Fork, a brief historical review is in order. In the pre- and post-Revolutionary War period, Baptists in America existed in disparate groups with two,

the Regular and Separate Baptists, claiming the larger numbers of adherents. There were philosophical differences between the Regular and Separate Baptists, yet many of their beliefs and practices were similar. The Regulars were highly Calvinistic, believing in a limited atonement while the Separates held to the "Arminian" doctrine that Christ died for all men and that the individual must, by choice, call on God for salvation. There was some degree of fellowship between the two groups. In 1787, the movement to amalgamate into a single entity began in North Carolina. Churches in nearby states also identified with the movement.

The name "United Baptist" was adopted. Many churches in Missouri, Illinois, Tennessee, and others adopted the principles of union, but it is erroneous to assume that all did (Christian, 1926; Clover, 1962; Coffey, 1877).



S SETTLERS ARRIVED IN WASHINGTON COUNTY in the early 1800s and began to organize Baptist churches, these churches usually adopted the prefix "United Baptist" followed by some other signifier. Thus the church around which this narrative centers, on December 4, 1830, declared itself to be the "United Baptist Church of Christ at Middle Fork." In February 1834 the church resolved to drop the name "United" from their record and to take only the name "Regular". When the name was changed in November 1835, the new designation became the "United Baptist Church of West Fork". The minutes do not record a consistent usage of this term, and in June 1845 the church adopted the name "Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ on West Fork".

The period 1832-1840 was a period of controversy within Baptist ranks and the record of the West Fork church reflects the confusion that affected the "United Baptist" movement resulting in the "Regular Baptists"

church reflects the confusion that affected the "United Baptist" movement resulting in the "Regular Baptists" making their principles and practices a test of fellowship. Some of the key characteristics of the Regular Baptist faith included: (1) Footwashing as an ordinance of equal level to the communion service; (2) they did not approve of instrumental music in church services; (3) pastors were not paid a salary; (4) missionaries were not employed; (5) Sunday schools were not organized, etc.

As noted previously, the church had affiliated with the Washington Association of Regular Primitive Baptists and were regularly represented in the annual associational meetings and the sectional meetings authorized by the association. In 1840, an association called the Mt. Zion Association was organized by churches of a more liberal philosophy. The churches in this association were competitive with the Regular Baptists and began to attract members that were favorable to a more progressive policy than they felt existed in the Regular Baptist faith. This division in philosophy continues to exist in 1989.



ELLOWSHIP OF THE WEST FORK CHURCH included at least two, possibly more ministers, who left the Regular Baptist rank. Daniel Howery, ordained in Tennessee in October 1814, attended the West Fork church in the 1840s and served as its moderator, although it is not evident that he joined the church. Later, Howery attended the Regular Baptist Church on Middle Fork, but when Mt. Zion Church, located south of Black Oak, was organized, he became a member of that congregation (*FLASHBACK* 20(4):19-26; 21(3):64).

Joseph L. Baker and wife Rhoda joined the West Fork church by letter in June 1840. They remained with the church to February 1842, when they were dismissed on their request. He was a member of the presbytery that organized Mt. Zion Baptist Church (see above). He was

the first pastor of Friendship Baptist Church (1847-1851), southeast of Springdale. A daughter Rebecca married William H. Holcombe and both were members of Shiloh Church. A son Joshua Baker became a well-known minister in the Missionary Baptist ranks (*FLASHBACK* 25(4):5-13).



SOON AFTER ITS ORGANIZATION, the young church selected Eli Bloyd, a charter member, to be ordained as a deacon. In May 1831, Eli was ordained by a presbytery composed of Samuel Wheat and Young Lamar. At the same time, the church recognized John Wood as an ordained deacon. Eli Bloyd owned land southwest of the present town of West Fork (Sec. 6, T 14, R 30W). He served the church as a messenger to associational functions and was a member of the building committee in 1835, assigned to select a site for a meeting house. In July 1836 Eli Bloyd was excluded from fellowship; the reasons are given elsewhere.

Eli Bloyd settled in the West Fork area in 1828 and lived in the area until his death in 1878. He is credited with building the first Washington County Court house and was enrolled as a member of the first jury seated in the new court house (*FLASHBACK* 13(3):29).

In October 1833 Elder Stephen Strickland was received as a member of the church. The record indicates that he served as a pastor and was active as a church leader, serving as moderator, in associational affairs, and in other capacities until June 1836. At this time, Elder Strickland declared his opposition to the church's holding to its Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum and withdrew his membership. As a consequence, several members who sympathized with Elder Strickland were excluded from church fellowship. Besides Elder Strickland, the dissidents included Eli Bloyd, Elder William Robinson and William Bloyd. The ministerial credentials of Elders Strickland and Robinson were recalled by the church.



PPARAENTLY THIS MAJOR RUPTURE of church fellowship in the Regular Baptist Church of Christ on West Fork led to the establishment of the West Fork Christian Church in 1837.

This church was recognized as the first organization of the followers of Alexander Campbell in Washington County. Among its members were Eli and Mary Bloyd, Stephen Strickland and wife, William Robinson and wife, Samuel Alexander and wife. Strickland and Robinson were Elders in this congregation, so their ministerial credentials were re-issued to them by the West Fork Christian Church. Stephen Strickland was thought to be its first pastor (Goodspeed, History of Washington County, p. 302). It appears from the minutes of the Baptist Church on West Fork that more of its members were excluded for joining the Christian Church.



ESIDES THE ORDINATION of deacons and ministers previously mentioned, the church licensed others as ministers. These were: William Ingram, October 1836 (ordained as

Elder in December 1852); Thomas Brinson and W. O. Spencer, January 1843; B. D. Graham, February 1843; and Andrew Williford, June 1844. William Ingram and Thomas Brinson pastored churches throughout the area. Brinson pastored the church on Middle Fork and was pastor of the Church on West Fork in 1848-1849. Ingram served as moderator of the West Fork church, later as its pastor, representing the West Fork church in the associational meetings in 1888 (*FLASHBACK* 14(3):21). According to family tradition, he served as a minister for about 65 years. He is buried in the Tharp Cemetery west of Fayetteville.



THE CHURCHES IN THE 1800s exercised much greater discipline over the personal behavior of their members than is known today. Each member was expected to exhibit high moral and behavioral standards. The minutes of the West Fork church show that the church dealt often with wayward members in a much more direct manner than we experience in the "enlightened" 1980s. Trespasses against church policy would result in the miscreant being cited for misbehavior. He or she would be ordered to appear before the church to make restitution (or recantation). Drunkenness was charged against several members, one of whom later became a well-known minister. Adultery, breaking the sabbath, going to Civil Court against a fellow member, malfeasance against a fellow member, unruly behavior, ridiculing the church, or rebelling against it and non attendance, are examples of problems that resulted in exclusion from fellowship unless the proper apologies were made and repentance was demonstrated.



WHEN THIS CHURCH FADED OUT of existence is not known. The associational minutes for 1900 indicate the church was represented, but the minutes for 1906 do not list the church on West Fork among the cooperating churches. During its existence, particularly in the early years, this church and its members played important roles in the religious affairs of Washington County. Perhaps there will be readers of this article who can contribute to a greater knowledge of the church, its membership and its fate, particularly in its latter years.

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